IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA STATESVILLE DIVISION

STATE of NORTH CAROLINA, et al.,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.) No. 5:04 CV 38
EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY, et al.,) (Consolidated Cases))
Defendants.)

ORDER GRANTING EIGHTH JOINT MOTION TO STAY

This matter is before the Court upon the Eighth Joint Motion to Stay filed by the parties in this case.

AND IT APPEARING to the Court that cause exists for the relief sought in the Motion;

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING to the Court that each party to the case consents to the relief sought in the Motion;

Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion shall be and hereby is GRANTED, and that the case is hereby stayed for the period of three months, to and including June 13, 2008.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: March 12, 2008

Carl Hom, III

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United States Magistrate Judge